

Inventory of the

Good Roads Movement

Collection

In the

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INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Maurice Terhune of Lanark, Illinois donated the Good Roads Movement Collection to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on July 27, 1983.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of reports and publications concerning the Good Roads Movement. Contained in the collection are pamphlets on the Good Roads Movement, manuals on road and bridge laws, reports of the Illinois Highway Commission (1910-1912), and Reports of the Illinois State Highway Department (1913-1916). Also included are a few scattered issues of the Illinois Highways, National Good Roads Magazine, and Better Roads and Streets publications. Of special interest to researchers are the three maps of Illinois and the photograph of A.D. Gash, Chairman of the Highway Commission.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

In the early 1900's the conditions of roads in Illinois were poor as they were all over the country. Most of the roads were dirt which rutted and made travel nearly impossible. Rain created mud so thick that carriages could not maneuver and got stuck. With the increasing popularity of automobiles, the roads needed to be improved and the road system expanded. The Good Roads Movement along with the creation of the Illinois Highway Improvement Association worked to improve the conditions of the roads and bridges.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Bradt Family
Good Roads Movement
Roads

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Good Roads Movement, 1913-1917
	2	Good Roads Movement, 1913-1923
	3	Fourth Report of the Illinois Highway Commission, 1910-1912
	4	Fifth Report of the Illinois State Highway Department, 1913-1916
	5	Illinois Highways, April 1914-December 1914, September 1916
	6	National Good Roads Magazine, November 1914; Better Roads And Streets, December 1914, April 1915-May 1915
	7	Photograph, A.D. Gash, Chairman of the Highway Commission, n.d.
	8	Map, Engineering Divisions of Illinois and Division Engineers, n.d.
	9	Newspaper Articles, 1954, 1957
Oversize Drawer 20, Folder 1		[missing 5/31/2018:] Railroad Map of Illinois, June 1903 Map Showing Construction Progress on Federal Aid and State Bond Issue Roads, December 8, 1921, revised January 1, 1922